

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the attention given to the present application. Claims 5, 7-16 and 20-51 are allowed. Claims 3-4 have been amended to include the limitations of claim 1. Claim 5 has been amended for consistency. Claims 1-2, 6, 17-19 and 52-69 are canceled.

1. Claims 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious.

In the Office Action dated January 4, 2010, claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0044569 to Kacher et al. (hereinafter "Kacher").

Claim 1 has been canceled.

Applicants respectfully request that this rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) be withdrawn.

2. Claims 3 and 4 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

In the Office Action dated January 4, 2010, the Examiner stated that claims 3 and 4 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. At the Examiner's suggestion, Applicants have canceled claim 1, and have rewritten claims 3 and 4 in independent form to each include the limitations of claim 1.

Applicants respectfully request that this objection be withdrawn.

3. Timely Response.

The shortened statutory period for replying to the Office Action is 3 months. Thus, this Response is timely filed on April 2, 2010.

4. Conclusion.

Applicants believe that this Patent Application, as amended above, is now in condition for allowance and, thus, respectfully request such allowance.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any prosecutorial fees (or credit any overpayment) associated with this communication to Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. deposit

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account number 11-0875. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 not accounted for above, such extension is requested and should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

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